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GERMAN ATTACKS TURNED INTO ALLIES' VICTORIES

London Times Correspondent Describes Piercing of the Tenth Lines by British Bayonets.

LONDON, May 18.—Seven separate and distinct battles were fought in the week just closed, and there can be little doubt that the days from Saturday the 5th until Friday the 14th will rank among the most bloody in the history of western Europe, says the Paris correspondent of the Times. He adds:

"Saturday night saw no lessening in the intensity of the struggle. On the Ypres front, although outnumbered and in danger of being outflanked, our men again and again hurled back German attacks. During the darkness the Germans, as though aware that with every passing hour their opportunity was slipping away, continued to hurl themselves against our lines.

"Men who lived through this night and until they could no longer hold their rifles. The fury of the assault was indescribable. Dawn of Sunday showed in the fields in front of Ypres the dead piled like cornstalks at harvest time, British and German lying side by side."

Piercing of German Line.

The piercing of the German line is thus described by the Times correspondent in northern France, under date of Sunday:

"Last night hell broke loose, and before sunrise this morning the British army had stormed the German lines at Festubert and Richebourg l'Avoue. After the failure on the 9th, the situation was reconsidered, and it was finally decided for good and sufficient reasons to risk a night attack.

"It was necessary for Gen. French to act in order to support his allies, and, as he was unable to emulate their example and smash the German parapets with high explosives, it was to the British bayonets that the task of overthrowing the enemy was committed.

"He had not only to provide troops for the projected assault, but to hold a long length of trenches and consider the situation at Ypres, where the German guns had been causing us heavy losses. In the afternoon Gen. French rode out among the troops to wish them good luck, addressing to all a few inspiring words.

"The night was very dark, but there was no moon and scarcely any wind. All the dispositions were made silently after dusk. We were anything from seventy to 300 yards from the enemy's front trenches, and many nasty obstacles had to be overcome. We had to depend on bayonets and grenades. It was too dark for shooting.

"Our left attacked at 11:30 o'clock, and succeeded in storming the German line and overthrowing the defenders. Before long our left center was dashing in with cold steel. It penetrated two lines of German trenches, and killed or wounded most of the defenders, and made good a front of about 400 yards in the German position.

"Our extreme left attack was less fortunate at a main line of the German front was severe and accurate. But the Indian troops on this side eventually penetrated through the opening made by the left center and soon began to outflank and break down the defenses in front of the original left of our attack.

"As the morning dawned a severe fire was opened from supporting positions in the rear of the German line, and against these our heavy guns replied as soon as the light served us greatly aiding our advance. Our artillery work was better than that of last week.

Take German Second Line.

"At 3 o'clock in the morning a fresh and formidable line of British infantry advanced from right against the German trenches in the direction of Festubert. The men stormed the German lines with the utmost gallantry and soon made themselves masters of a front of 1,400 yards. They overwhelmed the second line and then penetrated the reserve trenches, causing the enemy heavy losses.

"By 11 o'clock this attack had penetrated for a mile into the German lines and promised to extend round the Germans who still held onto their front trenches between our right and our center attacks. We had, in short, by noon overthrown almost completely the Germans on our front, and when the writer left the scene there seemed good hope that the inevitable German counter-attack would prove costly and ineffective."

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The committee was appointed at last night's weekly meeting of the union, following the receipt of a communication from a branch of the machinists union in New York.

Mr. Colpoys said last night that the men of the fire engine company are on strike, and while it is not known that the District contemplates purchasing fire apparatus from the company, the Commissioners will be asked to intercede for organized labor in the event of any transactions with the company.

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PROGRAM FOR OBSERVING HEBREW FEAST OF WEEKS

Special Services to Be Held in Local
Temples This Evening
and Tomorrow.

Shabbath, or the Jewish feast of the weeks, regarded as one of the most important holy days of the Hebrew calendar, is to be appropriately observed in this city. Special services are to be held in the local Hebrew temples this evening and tomorrow.

An elaborate service will mark the observance in the Eighth Street Temple tomorrow at 11 o'clock, when a large number of children will participate. Rev. Drs. Simon and Stern will be in charge of the service.

The occasion will open with a march by the children, after which Henry Backenheimer, Blanche Reiner and Horace Gensberg will present the floral offering, after which will come responsive readings and the recitation of the Ten Commandments.

Others to Participate.

Other children who will take part in the service are Doris Minster, Frances Heid, Lawrence Giesher, Harriet Sander, Helen Marks, Alfred May, Ruth Pack, Carl Woerner, Helen Bendheim, Stanley Levy, Philip Friedlander, Rena Ottenberg, Helene Klawans, Melvin Ottenberg, Ruth Block, Sam Cohen, Sam Dodek, Henry Louis, Sallie Bloomberg, Gustav Ring, Katherine Kohner, Maurice Levitan, Paul Porton, Dorothy Sonshorn, Isador Kaplan, Rose Stamler, Jennie Nordlinger, Walter Nordlinger, Ruth Rosenfeld, Rena Levy, Alvin West, Dorothy Pasch, Morris Cohen, Lucile Wallerstein, Mordecai Ezekiel and Ruth Grosner.

In Orthodox Temples.

In the orthodox temples of the city the feast will be observed for two days, beginning this evening at 7 o'clock. This is one day additional to the time observed by the reformed congregations.

Rabbi Grossman will be in charge of the services at the Adas Israel Temple and plans a special sermon at the service tomorrow morning, when he will point out the reasons for this commemoration of the harvest season in Palestine.

PLAY GIVEN FOR CHARITY.

"Mrs. Busby's Boarder" Presented by
Stellar Dramatic Club.

"Mrs. Busby's Boarder" was presented by the Stellar Dramatic Club at Trinity Parish Hall last evening, under the direction of the leader, Miss Sue H. Murray. Proceeds of the performance are to be donated to a charity of Georgetown. The play is to be repeated this evening.

The cast includes: Misses Gertrude L. Clements, Mae E. Cullahan, Mary V. Dugan, Anne O. Titlow, Ellen Keady and Joseph A. Kuhn, J. Edward Kirby, Harry S. Green, Francis Connolly and John J. Mattare.

TEN TEAMS IN LEAGUE.

Holy Name Base Ball Aggregations
Start Season Monday.

Holy Name Base Ball League will start the season Monday with ten teams in the field. St. Martin's has just entered a team, and, owing to the necessity of readjusting the schedule, the meeting of the league officials scheduled for tonight is postponed until Thursday night at 8 o'clock in St. Aloysius Hall.

Monday afternoon Trinity will play St. Stephen's on the Marquette grounds, Wisconsin avenue and 35th street, and St. Peter's will play Holy Name at the grounds on North Capitol street. The revised schedule will be announced Thursday night.

The joint committee from the Washington section of the Holy Name Society will hold a meeting tomorrow night at the residence of Fr. J. J. Wisner, 1312 31st street, to complete plans for the summer outing camp of the Junior Holy Name societies.

Lieut. Col. H. C. Schumm Is Retired.

Lieut. Col. Herman C. Schumm of the Coast Artillery Corps has been placed on the retired list on account of disability incurred in the line of duty. Col. Schumm is from Wisconsin, and was graduated from the Military Academy in June, 1887, and from the Artillery School in 1894. He reached the grade of lieutenant colonel in August, 1911, and recently has been stationed at Fort Wadsworth, N. Y.

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SHOT KILLS YOUNG SON OF DETECTIVE GRANT

Fires Bullet Into Head by Accident
at Home—Mother Finds
Body.



JOSEPH E. GRANT, JR.

Joseph E. Grant, Jr., twelve years old, the only child of Detective Joe Grant, accidentally shot and killed himself while in the bathroom at his home, 1229 B street northeast, yesterday afternoon. His body was found by Mrs. Annie E. Grant, the boy's mother, when she returned home from a shopping tour about 6 o'clock.

Dr. J. J. Kaveny responded to an emergency call, examined the body and said he thought the boy had been dead for at least one hour. Detective Grant was in Roanoke, Va., on police business last night, and it was after midnight when he returned home and learned of the tragedy.

Had Pistol Hidden.

Young Grant attended school at the Maury building yesterday, and returned home some time after 3 o'clock. His father had a pistol secreted beneath wearing apparel in a bureau drawer in his sleeping apartment. It was wrapped in a chamoin shining cloth, his father stated, and there was not a cartridge in the house that fitted it.

Where his son obtained a cartridge for the weapon is a mystery. His father said he had purposely avoided having it loaded and had secreted it where he thought it would never be noticed. His son found it and probably was examining it when it was discharged.

Mother Discovers Tragedy.

When the mother reached home she called her boy. Receiving no response, she went to the second floor and found the bathroom door closed. It was with considerable difficulty that she was able to get the door open far enough to discover that a tragedy had been enacted, the body having fallen against the door.

Neighbors responded to the appeals of the distressed mother, and the physician, Sallie Blacky, quickly summoned. Dr. William B. Carr and the police of the ninth precinct visited the house and made an investigation. Dr. Carr gave a certificate of accidental death.

Funeral services will be held at the Grant home tomorrow afternoon. Interment will be at Congressional cemetery.

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